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# NI-9208 Getting Started

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## Before You Begin

Read the **NI-9208 Safety, Environmental, and Regulatory Information** and complete the software and hardware installation procedures in your chassis documentation.

### Safety Guidelines



**Caution** Observe all instructions and cautions in the user documentation. Using the product in a manner not specified can damage the product and compromise the built-in safety protection.



**Attention** Suivez toutes les instructions et respectez toutes les mises en garde de la documentation d'utilisation. L'utilisation du produit de toute autre façon que celle spécifiée risque de l'endommager et de compromettre la protection de sécurité intégrée.

### NI-9208 with Spring Terminal Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits:

#### Isolation

Channel-to-channel None

#### Channel-to-earth ground

Continuous 250 V RMS, Measurement Category II

Withstand, up to 4,000 m 3,000 V RMS, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

### NI-9208 with DSUB Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits:

**Isolation**

Channel-to-channel	None
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**Channel-to-earth ground**

Continuous	60 V DC, Measurement Category I
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Withstand, up to 2,000 m	1,000 V RMS, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test
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## Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI-9208 is suitable for use in hazardous locations; , and hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI-9208 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.



**Caution** Do not disconnect I/O-side wires or connectors unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.



**Caution** Do not remove modules unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.



**Caution** Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2, or Zone 2.



**Caution** The system must be installed in an enclosure certified for the intended hazardous (classified) location, having a tool secured cover/door, where a minimum protection of at least IP54 is provided.

## Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe and Internationally

The NI-9208 with spring terminal has been evaluated as equipment under DEMKO ATEX and is IECEx certified. The NI-9208 with DSUB has been evaluated as

equipment under DEMKO ATEX and is IECEx certified. Each NI-9208 is marked and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_a \leq 70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . If you are using the NI-9208 in Gas Group IIC hazardous locations, you must use the device in an NI chassis that has been evaluated as Ex nC IIC T4, Ex IIC T4, Ex nA IIC T4, or Ex nL IIC T4 equipment.



**Caution** Transient protection shall be provided that is set at a level not exceeding 140% of the peak rated voltage value of 85 V at the supply terminals to the equipment.



**Caution** The system shall only be used in an area of not more than Pollution Degree 2, as defined in IEC/EN 60664-1.



**Caution** The system shall be mounted in an ATEX/IECEx-certified enclosure with a minimum ingress protection rating of at least IP54 as defined in IEC/EN 60079-15.



**Caution** The enclosure must have a door or cover accessible only by the use of a tool.

## Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in the intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. However, harmful interference may occur in some installations, when the product is connected to a peripheral device or test object, or if the product is used in residential or commercial areas. To minimize interference with radio and television reception and prevent unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

## Special Conditions for Marine Applications

Some products are approved for marine (shipboard) applications. To verify marine approval certification for a product, visit [ni.com/product-certifications](https://ni.com/product-certifications), search by model number, and click the appropriate link.



**Notice** In order to meet the EMC requirements for marine applications, install the product in a shielded enclosure with shielded and/or filtered power and input/output ports. In addition, take precautions when designing, selecting, and installing measurement probes and cables to ensure that the desired EMC performance is attained.

## Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment in which you are using the NI-9208 meets the following specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	-40 °C to 70 °C
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-78)	10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing
Pollution Degree	2
<b>Maximum altitude</b>	
For NI-9208 with spring terminal	4,000 m
For NI-9208 with DSUB	2,000 m

Indoor use only.



**Note** Refer to the device datasheet on [ni.com/manuals](https://ni.com/manuals) for complete specifications.

## NI 9208 with Spring Terminal Pinout

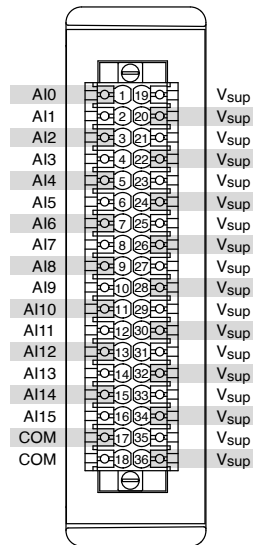


Table 1. Signal Descriptions

Signal	Description
AI	Analog input signal connection
COM	Common reference connection to isolated ground
V <sub>sup</sub>	Voltage supply connection

## Connecting an External Power Supply

You can connect an external power supply to the NI-9208. This power supply provides the current for the devices you connect to the module. Connect the positive lead of the power supply to a V<sub>sup</sub> pin and the negative lead of the power supply to COM. Install a 2 A maximum, fast-acting fuse between the external power supply and the V<sub>sup</sub> pin.

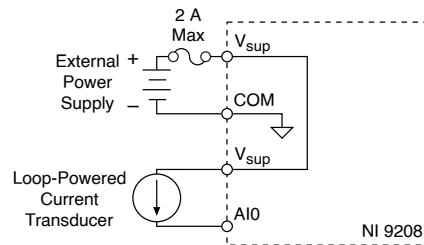


**Note** The V<sub>sup</sub> pins are internally connected to each other. You can connect only one external voltage supply to the device.

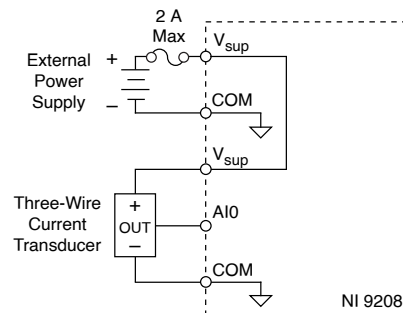


**Caution** Do not remove or insert modules if the external power supply connected to the  $V_{sup}$  and COM pins is powered on.

## Connecting a Loop-Powered Current Transducer



## Connecting a Three-Wire Current Transducer



## NI-9208 Connection Guidelines

- Make sure that devices you connect to the NI-9208 are compatible with the module specifications.
- You must use 2-wire ferrules to create a secure connection when connecting more than one wire to a single terminal on the NI-9208 with spring terminal.
- Push the wire into the terminal when using a solid wire or a stranded wire with a ferrule.



- Open the terminal by pressing the push button when using stranded wire without a ferrule.

## High-Vibration Application Connections

If your application is subject to high vibration, NI recommends that you use the NI-9940 backshell kit to protect connections to the NI-9208 with spring terminal.

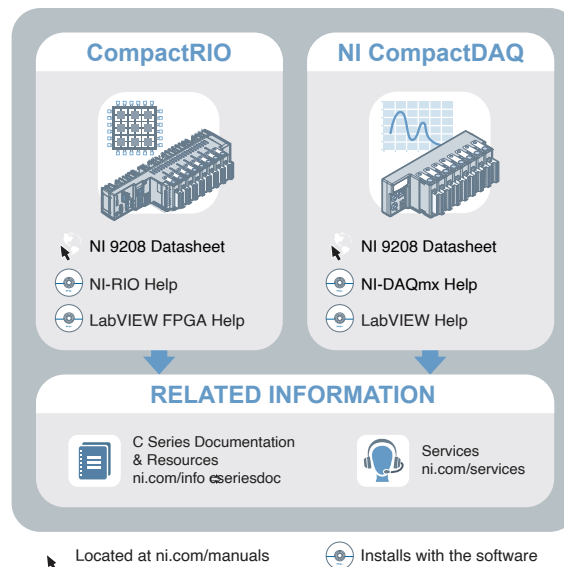
## Overvoltage Protection

The NI-9208 provides overvoltage protection for each channel.



**Note** Refer to the **NI-9208 Specifications** on [ni.com/manuals](https://ni.com/manuals) for more information about overvoltage protection.

## Where to Go Next



## NI Services

Visit [ni.com/support](https://ni.com/support) to find support resources including documentation, downloads, and troubleshooting and application development self-help such as tutorials and examples.

Visit [ni.com/services](https://ni.com/services) to learn about NI service offerings such as calibration options, repair, and replacement.

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